

Hugh Fullerton Believes Hoblitzel and Luderus of Equal Ability at First

First Basemen About Equal in Ability, Is the Opinion of Fullerton

"Dick" Hoblitzel, of the Red Sox, Looks Like Better Player, But Won't Count Much—Carelessness of Pitchers May Furnish Chance For Either to Figure Prominently.

By HUGH S. FULLERTON.

	Value in Offense.	Value in Defense.	Value in Season.	Value in Series.
Hoblitzel	882	671	704	787
Luderus	861	618	717	710

There are few ball players in the country about whose ability there is as much question as there is about Dick Hoblitzel. From first baseman of the National League, he retrograded until he was not considered good enough for the tail-end Cincinnati club and every club in the National League, five of which needed first basemen, waived claim and he went to Boston. There he struck his old stride, and seemed as good a ball player as ever, although he has played by streaks—the greatest in the league for a time, and far off his work at another. That he has lost some of his sensational speed around first is undoubted and his base running is not what he promised.

Hobby is a left-handed first sacker, handles the ball like a flash along the line, and makes the play down to second or across to third as handily as anyone. That he is strong enough to hold the steady job with Del Gainer on the bench shows that Carrigan thinks he is going well and relieves us of the necessity of figuring Gainer in this series save as a pinch hitter or a capable understudy if Hoblitzel should be incapacitated in any way.

LUDERUS OLD TYPE OF PLAYER.

Luderus is more like the old type of first baseman than any man now in the game. He is a big, heavy, flat-footed ball player, slow, and a bit awkward in his movements, and only a fair first baseman. His chief defensive strength lies in the fact that he is solid and steady, and that he makes an excellent mark for the other infielders to throw at. He is a plodding, earnest worker, cool under all circumstances, and just about as good a player as he could be in a world's series as he would be in an exhibition game. Luderus has been a normal 25 hitter ever since he broke into the National League, in spite of his slowness. He is terrific driver, and the fact that he plays on the Philadelphia grounds adds perhaps 10 points to his percentage, because he hits hard toward right field. The majority of his long hits are over or against the right field stand wall.

Batting against Hooper and Speaker will cut down his chances in the long Boston field, but the short wall at Philadelphia will help him and handicap them.

This season Luderus is rapping the onion to the tune of about 340, and keeping right on. He is helping the fact that the pitching in the National League has been worse this season than it has been in a long time.

To see how he is likely to bat against Wood, Shore, Leonard, Ruth, and Foster, I looked over his batting against ten National League pitchers, who are similar to them in style. Against these ten (which included Toney, of Cincinnati, Ray, of New York, Boston, Pfeffer and Tereau), I discovered that his average against these ten was 28-33, rather than 25-30, as he has been credited. The indication is that Luderus is not likely to be so formidable in the world's series as one might think from the bare average.

Neither Hobby nor Luderus has been hitting the left handers very well. Studying Hoblitzel's digit against the American League pitchers, including Johnson, Scott, and Caldwell, I find his batting average must also be reduced considerably when he faces Alexander, Chalmers, and Rixey, who will beyond doubt carry the burden for Moran.

PRINCETON'S SQUAD SHOWS RECORD SIZE

Seventy Candidates Report to Coach Rush to Try For Places on Varsity Team.

PRINCETON, Sept. 28.—More than seventy candidates for the Princeton football team reported to Coach Rush yesterday. This is the largest number that ever turned out for the Tiger team, and it can be attributed only to the enthusiasm and confidence which the new coach and his methods have inspired. Among the newcomers were Dave Tibbott, whose arrival has been the subject of much conjecture; Bob Soule, a candidate for center; Puffy Bigler, last year's varsity tackle, and Norcross, a former Brown end. The latter is barred by the one year rule, but working with Tate and other notable ineligible makes the scrub team almost as strong as the varsity.

Tod Keating received a chance at varsity end, and Lambertson was shifted from end to the second varsity to half. Only a light scrimmage was indulged in, most of the time being spent in the field house, where signals and formations were taught the candidates and an effort made to make the men thoroughly familiar with them.

The scrubs were taught what Rutgers formations are known and will utilize them in the coming scrimmages with the varsity. Now that the first game is over, Rush says, it seems to be a breathing more freely.

HARVARD MAY PLAY VALE IN THE BOWL

Unless Boston Inspectors Allow Old Stands to Rise, Hub Will Lose Big Contest.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Sept. 28.—Graduate Manager Fred W. Moore, of the Harvard Athletic Association, said today that unless he could get permission from the building commissioner of Boston to erect the usual temporary stands at the end of the stadium for the Yale game Harvard would play the match in the open field at New Haven on November 20.

The permanent seats in the stadium number only 2,500 and Harvard could pay the expenses of 3,000 graduates to New Haven and back and then receive more than \$2,000 in excess of its share. Cambridge provided permission to erect additional stands is refused.

Mr. Moore says he is in earnest about the New Haven plan and can wait only a few weeks more for the city officials to act favorably on the building of the "Soldiers' Field" stands, as will take at least a month to erect them. Harvard men, hotel keepers, and tradesmen in Boston are much excited over the state of affairs and the building commissioner is under a lot of pressure just now.

HIS ABILITY IS UNCERTAIN



"DICK" HOBLITZEL, First baseman of the Red Sox, who appears to be an indefinite quantity in figuring out Boston's chances in the world's series.

Georgetown Offers Field for Battles

Hilltoppers, Through Charles Cox, Would Let High Schools Play Title Games This Season—Other Gossip of Athletes and Their Doings.

By BRYAN MORSE.

Georgetown University, through Graduate Manager of Athletics Charles R. Cox, has come forward with an offer of the use of the Hilltop Field for the high school championship games this year.

At a meeting of the executive board of Georgetown held recently Cox put the matter up and was told that the university wanted to help athletics in every way and would be glad to have the high schools use the field twice weekly for the ten championship battles.

The high school advisers will meet at Central High School today and will arrange details of the series. Georgetown's kindness in offering the use of the field will be more than ever appreciated this year. The high schools were at loss to know where to turn this year. The Washington Playground Association helped out last year in allowing the schools to use the Fifteenth and H street park in the northeast.

No better playing field could be obtained than that at Georgetown. Appearances are of the best and every facility will be extended to make the games a complete success.

There are several applications in for the positions as officials of the high school series, it is understood. Paul Magoffin, John O'Reilly, and Cuthbert Farmer have already stumped their intention of wanting to take part in the games this season. All three men are well known and have given satisfaction.

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GEORGETOWN'S MEN BATTLE FOR PLACES

Today's Scrimmage Is the First Since Saturday's Game, and Exandine Looks For Signs.

Likes Football.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Sept. 28.—Governor Whitman was an interested spectator of the football practice yesterday at Union College. He requested that a short scrimmage be held between the varsity and the scrubs, and the men lined up for fifteen minutes' play. The governor ran down to the goal line to watch when one of the varsity backs scored. After the scrimmage he congratulated the men on their showing and exclaimed: "I'd like to be in line with you."

The battle for places on the Georgetown varsity eleven should be a hot one this week and today's scrimmage, the first since Saturday's combat with Princeton, is going to give Coach Exandine a line on some of the second string players. The weakness of certain first string men against the Tigers has filled the scrubs with hopes of landing on the team.

Charles Fitzgerald is rapidly coming to the front as a candidate for center, while Jim Crowe, from last year's squad, has also got into uniform and is making a fight for attention. Just who will be on the wings is another puzzle. There was considerable weakness down the field in the Tiger game and this is going to be remedied before the Navy game Saturday.

Cusack is apparently in danger of his place at left end. Corcoran, Cronin, Tracey and Costello are being tried out at the Hilltop for the wing jobs. A cheering section of more than a hundred Blue and Gray students will accompany the squad to Annapolis next Saturday.

Westover A. C. Is Out To Meet Other Teams

The Westover Athletic Club has organized a football team for the season and would like to arrange games with teams of other districts averaging 150 pounds. Address all games to L. Connor, manager, 1904 New Hampshire avenue northwest.

The following men compose the team: J. McMurray, fullback; C. Artie, right halfback; L. Connor, right end; E. Fahey, center; J. Artie, left halfback; W. Roberts, quarterback; C. McGarvey, left end; C. Golden, right guard; R. Davis, left tackle; S. Potter, left guard, and J. Jett, left halfback.

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TODAY'S SPORTORIAL

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

With considerable fanfare we are informed that "Boston fans will be able to see the world's series for 50 cents." Very little emphasis is laid upon the gladsome tidings, however, that there will be box seats for \$5 per. Where are these 50-cent seats? In the stand? No chance. Behind first base? No chance. Behind third? No chance. Then where are they? Why, about three miles out in the field, of course; where else did you think they would be? Not that it bothers us much that those world's series teams are going to charge, Washington not figuring prominently in the clash for supreme honors, but let's discuss academically this matter of world's series prices.

Why should a baseball game which assists in deciding that one league has a luckier pennant winner than the other be worth \$5 a seat, even in a box? Didn't all the experts say a week or so ago that the Red Sox-Detroit series then in progress was "better than the world's series?" But they didn't charge any \$5 a seat to look at those contests. The regular prices continued and 107,000 fans saw the contests between the two American League contenders. No baseball game in the world is worth \$5 to anybody. You can bet big money on a ball game and never go near a ball park. Millions of fans unable to see a world's series get oodles of enjoyment merely from reading accounts of the games in their favorite sport page. Just why the prices mount heavenward when the world's series comes around remains to be answered. It is nothing more than holding up an indulgent public.

Baseball has been good to those engaged in it. Fortunes have been made by the magnates and many players have become independent. Very well, no one is complaining about that. But it does seem more and more that the public, whose money has kept and is keeping the game alive, receives slightly more relief for its outlay. With the onrushing rush of the game in the last ten years the fan who did all the routine has been shoved farther and farther away from his heroes until nowadays he has to bring a telescope with him to the park. In the old days baseball was fully as fast as it is today. Magnates and managers today who saw all those other heroes do not hesitate to announce this. They laud those stars of former days, insisting that not one player today, not even Ty Cobb, surpasses some of the men who battled thirty or twenty years ago. If that be true, why must the fan with-out the wad be shunted out of sight? It was this fan who kept the sport alive. Not until he gets a square deal can the magnates go along without shivering. It is the everyday fan who brings to the park the "average crowd" which makes professional baseball a paying venture. It is not the fan with the wad who goes to the park now and then to see certain teams or certain players. The magnates have made too much of those every-now-and-then fans and have overlooked the everyday fan. Don't so into hysterics about those 50-cent seats in Boston. Just think of the \$5 seats in the boxes.

Unless Boston's building inspectors show some sense, the annual Harvard-Yale football game will not be played at the big stadium in Brighton, but will be staged at New Haven. This is Harvard's year for the contest at home, but some difficulty is being experienced in obtaining permission to erect the old stands of wood at the open end of the stadium. The inspectors claim they are unsafe. Back in 1902 Harvard dedicated this stadium, going down to a defeat at the hands of Dartmouth, 11 to 0. Each year since then temporary stands of wood have been erected for the big games. No accidents have ever occurred. No fire have broken out in these stands. But suddenly some wise inspector discovers that big crowds have taken their lives in their hands whenever they entered those stands, and permission has been held up this year. Influence will be brought to bear, of course, but it might be a good thing for the annual classic to be played at New Haven, anyway. Seventy thousand persons will see it there, instead of 4,000 at Brighton.

The Mackmen are here tomorrow. They should be playing at Shibe Park, but Philadelphia has scored on them. When scores 200 fans will see a team in action, it is about time to throw up the sponge. So Connie has thrown up the sponge. He has made double-headers and has transferred games, but still the Quaker City goes on without giving him or his team a chance to show their glory. Even the day of their glory, the Mackmen were popular. The Phillies, even in the slough of despond, had more friends in Philadelphia than the American League champions had.

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